

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:
2 an image display unit having an image display surface;
3 an image forming unit for forming an image on said display surface by
4 ejecting ink droplets toward said image display surface; and
5 an image erasing unit for erasing the formed image,
6 wherein ~~ink holding regions for holding ink droplets impinged to the~~
7 ~~image display surface and an ink repelling region for holding no ink are formed~~
8 ~~on said image display surface~~ includes said at least one ink repelling region,
9 said region formed of a material having a surface repellant to said ink, and a
10 plurality of ink holding regions, to hold said ejected ink droplets, are regularly
11 arranged according to a matrix-like pattern so that each of the ink holding
12 regions region is surrounded by said ink repelling region.
- 1 2. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein each of said ink holding regions is formed by a material having a
3 surface attractive to a region subjected to ink receptive treatment and said ink
4 ~~repelling region is a region subjected to ink repellant treatment.~~
- 1 3. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein at least one of said ink holding regions is dimensioned and arranged
3 to hold holds one of said ink droplets droplet for image formation.
- 1 4. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein at least one of said ink holding regions is dimensioned and arranged
3 to hold a plurality of said holds plural ink droplets for image formation.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein a plurality of adjacent ones at least one of said ink holding regions are
3 dimensioned and arranged to collectively hold ~~holds a part of one of said ink~~
4 droplets ~~droplet, whose remaining parts are held by adjacent ink holding~~
5 ~~regions, for image formation.~~

1 6. (New) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
2 image display surface includes a plurality of ink repelling regions, each of said
3 plurality of ink repelling regions formed of a material having surface repellant
4 to said ink, and a plurality of ink holding regions, to hold said ejected ink
5 droplets, arranged according to matrix-like pattern so that each of the ink
6 holding regions is surrounded by corresponding ones of said ink repelling
7 regions.